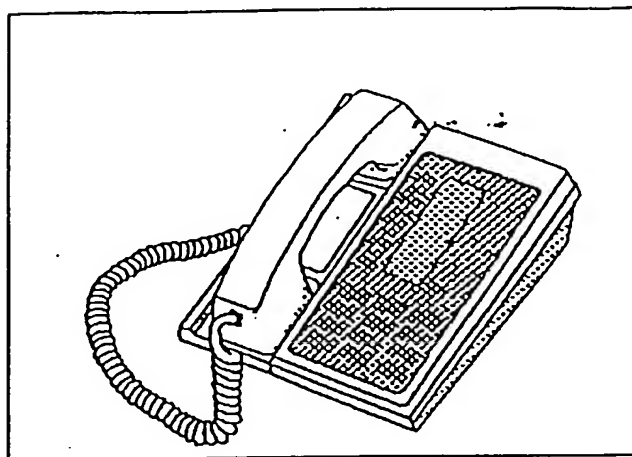




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Mr. Weisz, please review prior art, US 4,883,590 and proposed amendment. Please call at your convenience for discussion. This proposed amendment seeks to tie in the environment in which the device is utilized in the preamble with the body of the claim itself. The reviewer felt that in claiming "an accessory", the structure of Papp would meet the limitation. Including the environment in which the accessory is made precludes a rejection since there is no substrate layer from which the drainage pipe extends in the Papp reference.

1) An accessory for use in construction, and mountable on a drainage pipe extending above a substrate, the accessory comprising:

a conduit that has an inlet end portion and an outlet end portion, the outlet end portion being mountable on a drainage pipe so that the conduit and the drainage pipe are in fluid communication with each other, the inlet portion having an enlarged diameter to define a shoulder at a junction of the inlet and outlet portions so that, when the outlet end portion is mounted on the drainage pipe, the shoulder bears against a said substrate, a length of the inlet portion corresponding to a thickness of a screed layer to be formed on the substrate such that the inlet end portion defines a reference level arrangement for the screed layer; and

a removable cover member which is mounted on the inlet end portion to close the conduit when not in use so that the ingress of detritus into the drainage pipe is inhibited, the inlet end portion and the removable closure member being configured so that, when the closure member is removed, the grate member can be fitted in the resultant opening.

Amendment would be made similarly to claims 14 and 16.

Claim 14 should also be amended to provide a structural connection between the sealing member and the remaining elements.

14) A drainage kit, mountable on a drainage pipe extending above a substrate, the kit comprising:

a conduit that has an inlet end portion and an outlet end portion, the outlet end portion being mountable on a drainage pipe so that the conduit and the drainage pipe are in fluid communication with each other, the inlet end portion having an enlarged diameter to define a shoulder at a junction of the inlet and outlet portions so that when the outlet end portion is mounted on

within the drainage pipe, the shoulder bears against a said substrate, a length of the inlet portion corresponding to a thickness of a screed layer to be formed on the substrate such that the inlet portion defines a reference level arrangement for the screed layer;

a removable closure member which is mounted on the inlet end portion to close the conduit when not in use so that the ingress of detritus into the drainage pipe is inhibited, the inlet end portion and the removable closure member being configured so that when the closure member is removed, a grate member can be fitted in the resultant opening; and

a sealing member having a flange portion and a body portion that defines a passage, said sealing member inserted between said conduit and drainage pipe, the conduit being mountable on the body portion so that the outlet end of the conduit and the passage are in fluid communication with each other.

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